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# Assembly California Legislature



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Governor Jerry Brown  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

***RE: SB 69 (Roth) – Request for Signature***

Dear Governor Brown,

I respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 69 (Roth) that restores funding to the newly incorporated Cities of Jurupa Valley, Wildomar, Menifee, and Eastvale which was lost in 2011 when the Legislature passed SB 89 (Budget and Fiscal Review). Collectively these cities lost \$60,174,490. In my Assembly District, both Eastvale and Jurupa Valley were heavily impacted; Jurupa Valley alone has lost over \$19 million accounting for nearly 50% of its budget.

Prior to 2011, newly incorporated cities went through several versions of funding before settling in 2004 with AB 1602 (Laird). The measure specified that an unincorporated area that incorporates after August 5, 2004, but prior to July 1, 2009 would receive special allocations from a portion of the remaining VLF revenues. This funding formula included an artificially inflated population factor during the first five years for start-up costs to act as a fiscal incentive for city incorporations that had pre-existing residential development. The funding formula in AB 1602 later had its sunset date for incorporations removed in SB 301 (Romero) of 2008.

In Jurupa Valley's case, the city planned for years to incorporate and went through all proper procedures and processes yet had the rug pulled out from it the day after officially incorporating when SB 89 was passed with no warning in a late night session. SB 69 does the bare minimum to repair the damage done to the affected cities. A base year VLF adjustment for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012 will offer the security needed to cities who had planned for the VLF funding to be available.

California was in a very different place in 2011 and still reeling from massive budget deficits. Now with California's General Fund on more solid footing, drastic actions that hurt cities like Jurupa Valley and Eastvale should be corrected. I urge you to sign SB 69 and restore a broken promise. If you have any questions, please contact my Capitol Director, Matt Roman, at (916) 319-2060.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Linder", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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